

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES  
STOCKHOLM, 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

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On behalf of all of LIDC members, the President thanked the Nordic Group, in particular Giovanni Gozzo, Cecilia Torelm and Elizabeth Eklund who were fully involved in the organizing committee, for the excellent organisation of the Congress in a wonderful town, the choice of the programme and the outstanding debates and panels. The congress has been successful.

## **1. Report on Activities 2014-2015**

### **i) Congresses**

#### **Stockholm Congress**

135 participants including speakers and 23 accompanying persons were registered to attend the Stockholm Congress and 24 countries were represented.

The Congress also had 8 panellists who contributed to panels of excellent quality.

The LIDC thanked the international reporters and the panelists for the excellent quality of their interventions and the Scientific Committee for its continuous investment for LIDC. The Secretary General thanked in particular Muriel Chagny, the General Rapporteur and Grégory Sorreaux, deputy General Rapporteur, who worked very hard to guarantee the success of this Congress.

#### **Future Congress**

The 2016 Congress will be held in Geneva from 6 to 9 October 2015.

### **ii) Bureau Meetings**

After the Torino Congress, the Bureau had one meeting: in February 2015 in Vienna and the second during the Congress. The Bureau examined LIDC's current affairs, in particular the scientific work and the continuous promotion of the LIDC among competition and IP experts, lawyers and with institutions. The Bureau continues to pursue a strategy of promoting the visibility of the LIDC.

The Bureau encourages national groups to organize events during the year so that the LIDC continues to be visible and is promoted to its members between the annual congresses. The Secretary General invites LIDC members to inform the LIDC Bureau about activities of the national member associations or events on antitrust and IP related matters. LIDC can advertise them on its website or also possibly provide some support.

**iii) Events**

The LIDC has supported several events in the past year, in particular:

Conference in Budapest 22 May, 2015 : Unfair Commercial Practices Conference at Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

**v) Individual members**

There are about 20 individual members from Algeria, Chypre, Netherlands, Poland, Estonia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovaquia, Lithuania, Chypre, Australia, Slovaquia, Spain, Romania, Hong Kong, Kenya, Marocco, Chili and Portugal.

LIDC hopes to constitute national groups in these countries. In Hong Kong and Spain groups should be constituted very soon.

**vi) Publication of the national and international reports**

The Bureau has concluded an agreement with the publishing group, Springer, to publish the national and international reports. This publication is offered to all the participants of the Congress, to panel members and to national and international authorities and institutions.

All the participants to the 2013 Kiev Congress have received the publication in June 2015. The edition including the national and international reports drawn up for the Torino congress should be sent out in February 2016. The Springer publication including all the national and international reports relating to the Stockholm congress are expected to be sent to the participants in the spring of 2016.

It is reminded that the national and international reports for a congress will be available on the LIDC website before the congress and for a short time after the congress. The editor asked the League, however, not to publish the international and national reports after the Congress on the publicly available site.

The President thanked Pranvera Kellezi, responsible for the publication of the LIDC, for her hard work together with Pierre Kobel and Bruce Kilpatrick.

**Vii) Website**

The webmaster is working on the database of the LIDC members on the website. The national groups will be responsible of the updating of its database. The Secretariat of the national groups will receive a respective login and password to update its database.

**vii) Scientific committee and presentation of the new questions**

As new questions for the 2016 Congress, the Scientific Committee at its meeting reviewed several proposals, and suggested the following two new questions:

**QUESTION A**

With reference to pharmaceutical or financial services, in what way should the application of competition rules be affected by sectorial specific rules that reflect public policy imperatives in these sectors?

**QUESTION B**

What rules should govern claims by suppliers of goods or services about national or geographic origin of their goods or services?

The President thanked the Scientific Committee for its hard work to maintain of very high quality of scientific work during the congresses.

**2. Treasurer's report****i) 2014 Accounts:**

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts for 2014. The total of the costs and expenses of the association in 2014 amounted to sFr 44.885. The income from membership fees amounted to sFr 65.572. The LIDC thus made a profit of Sfr 20.687,50.

The 2015 financial situation is also expected to result in a profit. The financial result for Stockholm congress should also be positive.

**3. Election of the General Rapporteur, the Deputy General Rapporteur**

The mandate of LIDC of the General Rapporteur and her Deputy are now coming to an end.

On Behalf of all the members of the LIDC, the President warmly thanked Muriel Chagny for her involvement in the activities of the League. For the members of the Bureau, it was a real pleasure to work with her.

Muriel Chagny thanked the Bureau for its contribution and confirmed she it was a pleasure for her to work on the Scientific programme of the LIDC and she confirmed that she would remain active in the scientific committee.

Grégory Sorreaux accepted to become General Rapporteur. Goerge Peretz accepted to become Deputy General Rapporteur.

The President proposed to appoint Michel Ponsard (France) Responsible of technical matters to set up lunches, conference calls and webinars.

The General Assembly unanimously decided to appoint

- Grégory Sorreaux, General Rapporteur,
- George Peretz, Deputy General Rapporteur,
- Michel Ponsard, Technical Responsible.

## **5. Presentation of the conclusions for questions A and B / Adoption of the resolutions**

The General Assembly unanimously decided to approve the resolutions for questions A and B, as attached to the present minutes.

### **QUESTION A**

*Abuse of Dominant position and Globalization :*

*- Is there any consistency between the recent approach of the different jurisdictions to the notion of abuse ?*

*- are there too many restrictions on legal rights and business opportunities ?*

The resolutions are adopted unanimously.

### **QUESTION B**

*Protection and Disclosure of Know-how : Are countries providing enough or too much protection ?*

The resolutions are adopted unanimously.

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As there was no further business on the General Assembly agenda, the meeting adjourned at 12.30pm.